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HOVERING over Coyote pond, Don Johnson drops a flotation bag recovery system from
helicopter. The chopper was "zeroed" into position with the aid of transits.


SIX-FOOT PARACHUTE, designed to support a $55-\mathrm{lb}$. rocket payload, plummets
earthward.


RECOVERING the unit, Jack Hollon, left, and Don Johnson pull the flotation bag and the
submerged payload from Coyote pond. Two successful drop tests into the pond were conducted in less than an hour


SPLASH, right on target. Photo shows bal-loon-like ram air flotation bag inflated on top of parachute.

## Bull's-eye on Coyote Pond Saves Sandia Time and Money

The Lovelace pond in Coyote Canyon test field is about the size of the Coronado Club twin pools, combined. From 350 feet altiStill a helicopter, it looks mighty small Covery Systems Division 9324 diopped two covery Systems Divion 9324 dropped two parachute-flotation bag recovery systems ignated target area of the pond recently The drops were part of the development testing of a small recovery system for rocket payloads. The parachute opened. the ram air bag on top of the chute filled and the unit floated properly after impact Dave Bickel and the Coyote Test Field Division 7343 "zeroed-in" the helicopter for the test. They used two transits 'precision surveying instruments at right angles to each other pre-positioned to intersect in their lines of vision at the proper altitude and position for the helifoot target area of the the 90 -squaretransit operators could the to the rer one frequency, but only one operato -Jack Hollon, summer hire who has turned to science teaching with the Albuquerque Boys Academy-gave instructions to the pilot using a different frequency Jack was test director for the operation "We had tried it before with everybody including the helicopter pilot talking on the same frequency," Dave says, "and
usually at the same time. This didn't work too well. One man in control is better. And we were lucky - there was no wind on the morning of the drop."
Don Johnson figures using the Coyote pond for drop tests not only was convenient and saved time, but also saved more than $\$ 2000$. The last drop tests, conducted at Salton Sea, were that much more ex pensive.
The new flotation bag recovery system is a smaller edition of the universal recovery system developed earlier by Division 9324 LAB NEWS. Feb. 9, 1969). This recovery system is designed primarily for use in a rocket test prcgram to be conducted at The new chute is six spring of iameter and is designed to support a 55 -pound pay load. The balloon-like flotation bag sewn to the top of the chute inflates with ram air pressure as the parachute deploys Froating on the surface of the water, the payload The weight of the payload and payload. The weight or the payload keeps times making an effective airtight seal The round shape of the bas insures that the radio beacon antenna returns upright even in heavy seas. The bag contains two compartments so that if one develops a leak, the other will still support the payload.

## ECP Campaign Starts Oct. 7; 'Fair Share' Gift is Goal

Annual drive for the Employees Contribution Plan will start Oct. 7 with a kickoff meeting of the directorate representatives and sorictors. President John United Community Fund, will speak at the United Community Fund, will speak at the meeting along with Al Valdez, campaign The ECP campaign will be conducted Oct. 8-16.
Payroll deduction cards will be distributed to all employees, and group meetings of employees will be held. All employees will be asked to indicate their contribution on the card and turn the card in following the meetings.
One hundred percent participation by

## Voter Registration

Deadline Is Sept. 22
With general elections coming up on Nov. 3, voters not yet registered will want to do so before the deadine of Tuesday Sept. 22 at 5 p.m
Sandia employees and members of their families may register at Employee Services, Bldg. 832, room 30 (Bernalillo County resi dents only). In addition, each major polit ical party has a voter registration officer for each precinct. For the name of your precinct registrar, call Republican County Headquarters at 265-3461 or Democratic County Headquarters on 242-2688

Requirements for a qualified elector are:

1. Citizen of U.S
2. Not denied right to vote by a court of law by reason of legal insanity or felony conviction
3. At least 21 years of age
4. Ay the time of election
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Resident of county 90 days
Resident of precinct 30 days
The 18 -year-old voting law will not be effective until January 1, 1971.
Employee Services Division also has
supply of absentee ballots

## Sign Up Now For LTD Employees are reminded that enrollment cards for the new long Term Disability Income Plan must be returned by Sept. 18 to Employee Benefits Division 3122 or Training and Benefits Division 8236. The plan becomes effective Oct. 1 provided 75 percent of all regular full-time employees actively at work have signed acceptance cards. If you do not plan to sign up, you still must return the

Sandians at the "Fair Share" level is the goal of the ECP campaign. Fair Share is one hour's pay per month
The ECP funds are distributed to the 32 agencies of the Albuquerque United Community Fund plus eight other national American Cancere agencies. These are the ty Heart Associatiociety, Bernalillo Counciation, Muscular Arthritis Foundation Society, Easter Seal Society, and Cystic Fibrosis Association

Payroll deduction allows a small gift each month to add up to a significant contribution by the end of the year. During the years since 1957 when the ECP was organized at Sandia, the goal has remained the same - 100 percent participation and a Fair Share gift. Currently 31 percent of fair employees are participating at the the 6686 level. Seventy-three percent of contribution to ECP - a total of $\$ 293,511$ this past year.
"The dollar figure is impressive," says Jack Merillat (3120), chairman of the ECP committee, "but Fair Share contributors Sandians minor fraction of our population their response to community needs. Ouders in their response to community needs. Our job ate our community needs are and the tremendous workload of the agencies. Once understood, I'm sure Sandians will respond generously.'
Other members of the committee include Jack Sivinski (1740), Ken Sutton (3250), Harold Sherwood (4121), Joe Laval (3433) Lou Berry (5500), Joe Angel (3522), Tony Mary Pasko (7415), Stan Reynolds (9213) Al Toepfer (5241), Stan Reynolds (9213) and Marian Jacot (3251),

## Sandia Laboratories Hosts WE Quality Managers

Sandia Laboratories will host a meeting of the Western Electric Interworks Quality Control Planning Committee in Albuquerque Oct. 8-9. The group, made up of Western Electric's quality control engineering department chiefs, meets semiannually to exchange ideas and information about applications and improvement of manufacturing processes through statistical quality control.

Walt Westman (7514) is handling local arrangements for the meeting which include visits to Sandia's Exhibit Center and the Sandia Base Weapons Museum.


NEW SECURITY MONITORING BOARD in Bldg. 801 replaces older system used by Sandia's security force. The new board is easier to operate and enables security headquarters to keep track of 183 alarm systems (some 600 doors) located throughout Areas I, II, III and V plus other remote sites. In addition, the system provides
radio contact with all security personnel on duty. Here Fred Lopez talks with another inspector at remote checkpoint.

## No Joke

## Plane Makes Stop at Havana

Jim Leonard of Space Power Systems Division 9521 has the singular distinction, unsought, of being the first and only man in the AEC complex to be aboard an airliner hijacked to Cuba.
On Aug. 24 Jim was en route to the GE Space Division facilities at Valley Forge, Pa . He had changed planes at Chicago and had dozed off as the plane headed for Philadelphia. The passenger in the next seat awakened him and told
Jim thought it was a poor joke and reJim thought it was a poor joke and re-
membered that the airlines take a dim view of this kind of humor. But it was true. Jim of this kind of humor. But it was true. Jim ment had told the pilot to fly to Cuba or else an accomplice in the rear of the plane would set off a bomb.
The airline crew complied. The pilot came into the passenger area and talked with individual passengers, answering ques tions and discussing the situation.
The plane stopped for fuel at Pittsburgh only the fuel truck crew approached the aircraft) and the hijacker refused to let anyone off the plane. From there it was about two and a half hours until the plane landed at Havana.
A military party boarded the plane upon landing and an armed guard escorted the hijacker off the plane. Throughout the trip the man had remained in his seat in the pilot on several accasions.
he pilot on several occasions. the ft leave the aircraft and leave all hand luggage on board.
Jim was carrying a briefcase but no clas sified information. He had already removed the metal clasps from his Sandia These he then put in his billfold. He wedged the briefcase under his seat.
In the terminal, the passengers were taken two at a time to "register." This consisted of showing identification and answering questions on age, place of birth and occupation. Jim said he was an engineer and showed his New Mexico driver's license. When he answered "Albuquerque as his place of residence, the Cuban asked him if he spoke Spanish. All questions harassed.

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When they did get back on the plane (after about three hours), it was obvious
that the plane had been searched and some that the plane had been searched and some
luggage opened. Jim does not think that luggage opened. Jim doe
his briefcase was opened
his briefcase was opened.
It appears that the hijacker had no accomplice and that there was no bomb. Jim gave this advice to anyone who might be caught in the same situation person Be calm should be kept on you matic. One word specific answers are best matic. One word specific answers are bes when answering questions
And remember that no one on a hi-
jacked airliner has yet been detained in Cuba against their will.

Supervisory Appointments


MIKE FORRES TAL to supervisor of
Simulation Division II, 7346, effective Sept. 1.
Mike joined Sandia in February 1966. His work at the Laboratories has been mainly in the
area of wave propa area of wave propa-
gation in structura elements. Before coming to Sandia, he had worked in the Chicago area for Cook Research Labs, American Machine \& Foundry Co., and General American Transportation Corp.
He earned BS and MS degrees in civil engineering from the Illinois Institute of Technology (Chicago). His PhD in theoretby Northwestern University in August 1064 He is a member of the American Institut He is a member of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics and the
American Society of Mechanical Engineers. American Society or Mechanical Engineers Mike, his wife Maureen and
sons live at 7717 Palo Duro NE.


AL SWITENDICK to supervis or of Solid-State Theory tive Sept. 1.
Al has been with the Laboratories since September 1964, working in the field of electronic properties of solids He received BS MS and PhD degrees in physics from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Immediately before joining Sandia, Al was at Me served in the or post-doctoral study He served in the Army from 1954-'56 as American Physical Society.
Al, his wife Judith and their two daugh ters live at 2806 Cardenas Dr. NE.

## From Child Management to Karate To Yoga - U of A Has a Course

The University of Albuquerque is offering a newly expanded series of non-credit evening courses this year, including one taught by a Sandian and one by a Sandian's wife.
Teaching a special workshop in puppetry at the University this fall will be Ron Day 3131). A course in yoga will be taught by Devi Frauenglass, wife of Harvey Frauenlass (3417).
A folder describing the course offerings is available in many of the city's banks or rom the Division of Continuing Education the University by calling 243-9461, ext. 266. Courses begin the week of Sept. 14. Course offerings listed in the folder inlude these:
Charm and beauty, child management, cinematography, conversational Spanish, creative design, creative writing, institu-
tions and crime, karate, photography, puppetry workshop, speed reading, yoga, and als you home
Also accounting for non-accountants, advertising principles, basics of real estate, business law, legislation and the legislative practical money and credit management, practical politics, securities buying, and
whing nor-teacher.
"We tried to select subjects of special interest to Albuquerqueans," the director of "with teachers who Continuing Education said, petent."
Registration for the courses closes on Monday, Sept. 14, at 5 p.m. If more convenient, prospective students may sign up or a course by telephoning 243-9461, ext. 266.

## Take Note

William Jackson, machinist in Machine Shop Division 4253, has been promoted to Warrant Officer in the Army Reserve. A veteran of 18 years service, with active duty in WWII and the Korean War, he is now Maintenance Officer with the 387th Engineering Company. Bill's family continues the military tradition - one son was recently commissioned in the Navy and the other is a midshipman in the NROTC program at UNM.

Members of the University of Arkansas Alumni and Friends of the University will get together for a TV Watch Party to see the Arkansas vs. Stanford football game. The party, hosted by Maj, Q. C. Shores, will Officers Club on Sept. 12. For reservations or more information call Mrs. Pat Dumas, 268-3403. Regon Kinney (9522) is president of the local chapter of the club.

Vicki Vivian (3256) is a pretty girl who's done a couple of favors for the LAB NEWS on our back page. Her brother, Pete Hans, is serving in Hoi An, Vietnam, and he writes, "There is an orphanage here with about 150 kids, ages from 3 to 15 . The ma jority are Buddists so their Christma would be Tet, on their new year. But a kid with no toys doesn't need a special day. I
as wondering if some of your friends and office personnel could send some old toys, preferably ones not in need of repair as there is no place here to fix them. Also the kids could use some first and second grade eading books." If you can help, contact Helen Hans, 247-9055, 318 Cedar SE.
Alfred Switendick (5151) will present "Electronic Properties of Metallic Hydrides - A New Theoretical Model" at a meeting of the 5100 Staff Seminar Sept. 15.
Keith Brower (5111) will discuss "ElecVacancy Centers in Resonance of MultipleVacancy Centers in Ion Implanted and Neutron Irradiated Silicon" at a meeting
Sept. 22 . Sept. 22.
at 8:30 in meets on Tuesday mornings
In a recent state tournament, the Sandia Laboratories all-star slow pitch softball team emerged with third place. Members f the team include manager Mike O'Bryant 7651), Jesse Betlack (7224), Jim Clark 7323), Pat Freeman (7434), Bob Gardner 4221), Dennis Gutierrez (4221), Larry Jennings (7611), George Kolesar (7614), Ernie Montoya (4512), Ed Rankin (4231), Floyd Salas (9411), Joe Santana (7651), Joe Saya (7423) and Walt Vandevender 4223).

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## Apache Tears Found at Tent Rocks

With the coming of cooler weather, a pleasant day trip is to "tent rocks" on the east side of the Jemez Mountains, What a place to play cowboys and Indians. The movie crews are missing a bet by not having an Indian crawl out of on of those stone tepees
Actually, the geological sequence is basalt overlain by pumice, which in turn is over lain by tan, cliff-forming ash flows. These soft materials are easily eroded into thei strange shapes by wind-blown sand and flash floods. An added attraction are those black shiny raisin-like stones often found in the tan base material. They're Apach tears, and they're droplets of obsidian
To get to tent rocks, take Interstate 25 north out of Albuquerque, turn west onto State Highway 22 and after passing Santo Domingo and Cochiti Pueblo, take the sec ond road to your left. This road eventually joins State Highway 4 at Valle Grande. I you take the wrong road, you'll end up in Canada (New Mexico, that is) and can easily backtrack.
At the base of the tent formations, there is a rather large cave and a little further to your right is the entrance to Peralta Can yon, which in several places narrows to crevice several stories high and barely wid ing a rainstorm!


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LIVERMORE EMPLOYEES' ASSISTANCE PLAN (LEAP) is a "once-for-all" way for Sandians to contribute to local and national agencies which help meet the needs of people. The
employee LEAP Committee goal for the 1970 LEAP campaign is 100 percent employee employee LEAP Committee goal for the 1970 LEAP campaign is 100 percent employee
participation. The Committee is also introducing the LEAP SHARE contribution (one hour's pay per month) as suggested by an employee.

## LEAP Committee Announces <br> Plans for 1970 Fund Campaign

The employee committee for the Livermore Employees' Assistance Plan (LEAP) has announced their 1970 campaign plans. The 1970 LEAP program includes four local service agencies, four national health organizations and the United Bay Area Cru sade (UBAC) with its 180 agencies. Employee meetings describing this year's LEAP program are scheduled for Sept. 28 and 29.

In addition to emphasizing 100 percent employee participation as this year's LEAP goal, the committee is introducing a "LEAP SHARE" contribution. The LEAP SHARE recommended by an employee, is a contri-
bution of one hour's pay per month for 12 bution of
months.
months
"The LEAP Committee," says chairman Alec Willis (8351), "reviewed and changed the percentage of employee funds allocated to agencies in last year's program. They also studied employee recommen which adding or deleting local agencies which eceived LEAP contributions last year. In f the aencies and their helpfulness to of the agencies and their helpfulness to The 1970 percentage allocations are: ocal Agencie
Livermore-Amador Valley
Emergency Fund Center
Calif. Assn. for Neurologically
Amador Chapter
al
American Cancer Society
Muscular Dystrophy Association
Kidney Foundarion of
United Bay Area Crusade
Reserve (to be distributed at year-end accord-
ing to specific participating agency needs)

Local agencies participating in LEAP his year includ this year includ
Nursery School Scholarship Fund
The Nursery School Scholarship Fund taged children in established nursery taged chools establions nursery schools. Sandia contribur those children only to help pay to ather shild is now \$167) Oreanizational penses are covered by contributions from NSSF are tions and businesses und local organizations and businister the program. In 1969 NSSF placed 40 children in five local nursery schools. In a recent letter to Sandia the treasurer of NSSF said, "We are very grate ful for the tuitions that your employees provide, and I am sure that the children and their parents appreciate your efforts too.'
Livermore-Amador Chapter of the California Association For Neurologically Handicapped Children (CANHC
As a result of an employee's interest, the Livermore-Amador Chapter of CANHC will participate in LEAP for the first time this ear. CANHC is a California-wide organ zation established to inform parents and eachers about neurologically handicapped children and how these children can learn by special teaching methods. Called pernot mentally retarded; they have minimal
brain damage which excludes them from making sense out of sights and sound readily understood by the normal-learning child in the regular classroom. There ar several classes which include neurologically handicapped children in the local schools These classes are designed to overcome the children's physical-mental barrier to learning.

## Cerebral Palsy The Bay Area

The Cerebral Palsy Center in Oakland helps victims of cerebral palsy to help themselves by providing physical and occu pational therapy, speech therapy, and medi cal and vocational evaluations. In a lette of thanks to Sandia, the Center's execu tive director expressed "sincere apprecia tion for the assistance you have given u in the past through your LEAP program Livermore-Amador Valley
Emergency Fund Center
Located at 364 Wood St. in Livermore the Emergency Fund Center assists individuals and families in emergencies. The also provide clothing, household articles, furniture and appliances to low incom families at minimal cost through the operation of the thrift store. Assistance with job information and educational opportun
ities is also available. ities is also available
"Last year was a highly successful first year for LEAP," says Alec. "Employees increased their contributions over 16 percer from 1968. We're looking forw bard to results of this year canpalgn because w think employe bencies as well as other benefits local agencles as throughout the Bay Area.

## Film and Lecture Series Offered by Chabot College

Chabot College is again offering its Film and Lecture Series for the 1970-71 The Film Series, featuring primarily award winning foreign productions, is ad mission free. Showings start at 7:30 p.m in the Chabot College Community Aud itorium, and are followed by an audienc discussion period led by one of the Hu manities instructors. The schedule in cludes:
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Sept. } 23 & \text { "Closely Watched Trains" } \\ \text { Oct. } 7 & \text { "African Queen" }\end{array}$ Oct. 7 African Queen"
Jan. 2
"Nazarin"
"Shadows of Forgotten Ancestors"
Feb. 2
April 14 "The Gospel According to St. Matthew
"The Bridge"
April 28
May 12 "Weekend"
Speakers of national and internationa fame are featured in the Lecture Series to be held in the Community Auditorium a Chabot at $8 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Admission will be $\$ 1$ pe person at each program. Included are: Oct 2, basketball star Bill Russell who will speak on "Go Up for Glory"; Nov. 30 author Jessica Mitford, "Inside Book Writ ing (From Undertakers to Prosecutors)" Feb. 5, actor-art connoisseur Vincent Price "The Enjoyment of Great Art"; and April 22, ecologist Paul Ehrlich, "The Age of

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## Over 700 Miles on a Bicycle <br> Sandian and Young Son Pedal Through California and Oregon

"I can't think of a better way to really get to know your son," comments Curt from a 711-mile bicycle trip with his 10from a 711 -mile bicycle trip with his $10-$ days for 24 hours a day, sleeping in the days for 24 hours a day, sleeping in the The two left Livermore on identical 10speed bikes early one Sunday morning and speed bikes early one Sunday Eugene), the next Wednesday. "We met my wife Lois who had driven up to visit relatives, and then the entire family vacationed on the Oregon coast," explains Curt.
"We carried all of our gear on our bikes, including sleeping bags, tent, clothing, first aid kit, spare parts, tool kit, and food for two meals each day - our third meal of the day we ate in restaurants along the way. Packed, my bike weighed 96 pounds and Kent's weighed 80 pounds. We soon found you don't ride in high gear at any time carrying that much weight.'
Leaving Livermore, Curt and Kent traveled north across the Delta area, staying near the Sacramento River all the way to Redding. They camped along the river bank the first two nights. "It was very hot going up the San Joaquin Valley," recalls Curt. "The irrigation of the tomato, rice, and barley fields made it humid and that much hotter, especially in the afternoons. But it was quite a pretty sight to look ov the large flooded fields as we rode along.
"Both of us had looked forward to taking a ferry boat across the Sacramento but on rrival we discovered the boat was bot running the only day of the year, not running the ferry didn't oprate year, being so unlucky, we rode on farther up being so unlucky we rode on farther up the river and crossed aridge only about 10 miles out of the way

Because of the heat in the valley, at Redding we decided to turn west for about 170 miles and hit the coast near Eureka," continues Curt. "En route we met a cyclist from Berkeley who was heading inland because of the cold weather along the coast. After discussing with him which route was better, Kent and I continued toward the ocean, and he went on to Redding to go north through Klamath Falls.
"Here we were generally following the Trinity River, using the river for swimming, bathing, and washing clothes. Our map showed there were four 3000 -foot summits, and after cycling over two we agreed on hitchhiking over the last two. An Indian from the Hoopa Reservation picked us up in his truck, and held Kent's attention with tales of his deer hunting during the drive over two mountain passes on a 29 -mile stretch of road.
"Along the California and Oregon coast we stayed at state parks where we were able to use showers instead of rivers for bathing. For about 55 miles in this area, we rode through California redwoods. At 10 miles an hour, you are really abe to see and enjoy them

Farther north, on the Oregon coast, we passed acres of bushes just loaded with blackberries and raspberries. Ill always remember the hat full of these berries
had one morning for our breakas cyclists
"All along the coast we met other cyc who were heading south to take advantage who were heading south to take advantage while we had to pedal into the wind. However, we had bad weather only once - in Oregon where we hit about two hours of pouring rain one morning.
"The last day we rode inland from Reedsport to Jasper, covering about 95 miles across the coast range mountains. On arriving at our destination, I collapsed with a large cool drink, but Kent was still going strong and went out with his cousins for a 10 -mile bike ride.


CURT FRANKLIN (8157) pauses at Buckhorn Summit, one of four 3000 -foot summits between Redding and the coast, during a fornia and Oregon


0-vear-old near Grimes, Calif,", with sutter Buttes in 10 -speed bikes during the 711 -mile trip.

Take Note
Jack Wilson, supervisor of Standards and Calibration Section 8121-1, was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Manage ment Club of Mack Truck Company's 10. Title of his speech was "Metric System Orientation.'

The 3rd Annual Doyen Memorial Chess Tournament is now being organized. Last year 40 players participated in this lunch time activity. If you wish to play, contac Mick on ext 2368 by Sept 25 . Tournamen play begins Oct.

## Congratulations

Mr. and Mrs. Gabe Gu
son, Darrel Angel, Aug. 8.
Mr. and Mrs Gerry
daughter Sharon Lynn Auerson (8176), a Mr. and Mrs. William Ormond III 8217), a son, William Vance IV, Aug. 28 Mr. and Mrs. Monte Nichols (8311), daughter, Jennifer Kay, June 30.


CABLES, ALL KINDS, from single wire through 60 -wire multi-conductors to standard and semi-rigid coaxial cables are produced by Electrospecialties Section 4233-2. Up to 1500 prototype or special order cables are produced each month for customers throughout the Laboratories. From left are Bruce Langford, supervisor; Mary Kelley; Jennie Spann; Adolfo Sanchez; Patsy Garrett; Burnest Benjamin; Lawrence Williams, inspector; and Joseph Maez, apprentice. Not shown are lead man Ernest Lovato, Elmer Goepfert, shop clerk, and wireman Mary Smith.


WIRING HARNESS is assembled by Mary Kelley. In addition to making cables, the Section assembles printed circuit boards and fabricates wire harnesses for junction boxes. The work is usually one-of-a-kind prototype assembly and requires painstaking care.


UNWAXED NYLON CORD is wrapped around a cable end prior to encapsulation of the cable to the electrical connector by Burnest Benjamin. Eddie Trujillo 4233-2) handles the plastic potting chores for the cable assembler. Much of the production of the group goes into Sandia-designed production testers.

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Frequency Coordinator

## Give Bob Gentzler Your Static

Bob Gentzler (7251) is Sandia's Radio Frequency Coordinator. His job is to see that the thousands of individual transmitters, telemetering packages, radar sets, closed circuit televisions, and other microwave equipment at Sandia operate on properly assigned frequencies and not interfere with each other or the transmissions and receptions of other agencies.
"We have some crowded airwaves," Bob says. "Sandia currently has about 1500 permanently assigned frequencies to use and we use them at locations everywhere here in Albuquerque, Livermore, Tonopah, Nevada Test Site, Kauai and the Pacific and Florida. In addition, temporary frequencies are assigned for short term test activities such as a ter
Idaho or someplace
Anyone at Sandia thinking about adding an assignment of frequency Bob bob for an assignment of frequency. Bob prepares through the AEC to the Interdepartment hrough the AEC to the Interdepartment the Federal Communications Commission responsible for assigning frequencies for government use. It takes about 60 days to obtain a new frequency assignment.
Much of Bob's work involves checking with other agencies to determine compatible frequencies. An example would be a Sandia experiment to be flown on an Air Force rocket. Bob coordinates with the telemetering equipment uses a frequency hat does not conflict with the Air Force telemetering or radar equipment.


BOB GENTZLER

And we get some static from Kirtland or White Sands occasionally," Bob says. "Either our equipment or theirs is causing interference. Usually this means that our assigned frequencies are very cose to each other and some fine tuning is required. Everyone cooperates to clear the air.

## Speakers

K. W. Schuler (5161), "The Speed of Propagation of Release Waves in Polymethyl Methacrylate"; T. J. Tucker, J. E. Kennedy and D. L. Allensworth (all 5133) "The Initiation of PETN by Sparks and Exploding Wires as a Shock Process"; Ken nedy and Allensworth, "Quartz Gauge Techniques for the Study of Upstream Reactions in a Shocked Explosive"; and G. E Ingram (5133) and R. A. Graham (5132) Quiments," Fifth International Symposium periments," Fifth International Symposium on Detonation, Aug. 18-21, Pasadena and Water Pressures from Milrow,", Sym and Water Pressures from Milrow," SymStudies, Aug. 27, Bloomington, Ind
J. N. Johnson (5133) and R. W. Rohde (5531), 'Deformation Twinning and Strain Rate Effects in Iron Under Conditions of Shock Wave Compression," Second Interhational Conference on Strength of Metals and Alloys, Aug. 30 -Sept. 4, Pacific Grove Calif.
C. E. Land (5153), "Ferroelectric Ceramics for Information Storage and Display,' 1970 meeting of the Metallurgical Society of the AIME on Preparation and Properties of Electronic and Magnetic Materials for Computers, Aug. 30 -Sept. 2, New York City

Albert Narath (5100), "Electronic Structure of Transition Metal Hydrides: Experi ment and Theory," Gordon Research Conference, Aug. 10-14, Meriden, N.H C. W. Harrison (2627), "Scattering by Imperfectly Conducting Spheres," Fall U.S. National Committee/International Union of Radio Science Meeting, Sept. 15, Columbus, Ohio.
B. M. Butcher (5161), "The Description of Strain Rate Effects in Shocked Porous Materials"; C. D. Lundergan (5163), "Dispersion of Shock Waves in Composite Materials"; Walter Herrmann (5160), "Attenuation of Elastic-Plastic Stress Waves" D. E. Munson and K. W. Schuler (both 5163), "Hugoniot Predictions for Mechan ical Mixtures Using Effective Moduli"; R R. Boade (1224), "Experimental Shock Loading Properties of Porous Materials and Analytical", Methods to Describe These Properties, B. M. Butcher (51), The Description of Strain Rate Elfects in Shocked Porous Materials"; P. C. Lysne (5133) and R. C. Bass (9111), "The High Pressure Equation of State of a Partially Saturated Tuff," 17th Sagamore Army Materials Research
Raquette Lake, N.Y

## The Good Old Days

From "The Everyday Cook Book" by a Miss E. Neil, published in 1892 and uncovered by George Zimmermann (1554), come these morsels showing a side of life in those days:

## "To Restore From Stroke

 of Lightning"To restore from stroke of
lightning shower with cold lightning shower with cold water for two hours; if the paput salt in the water, and con tinue to shower an hour longer.' (No further treatment - for what must be by now a pretty cold victim -is prescribed.)
"To Cure Toothache "The worst toothache, or neu ralgia coming from the teeth, may be speedily and delightfully ended by the application of a bit of clean cotton, saturated in a solution of ammonia, to the derective tooth. sometimes the momentary laughter by the ap
plication, but the pain will disappear.'
Wonder what she means by "late sufferer"?) And finally this passage from the section "How To Be Handsome," which we would certainly endorse even today
"Ladies who have ample leisure and who lead methodical lives take a plunge or sponge bath three times a week, and a vapor or sun bath every day. To facilitate this very beneficial practice a south or east apartment is desirable. The lady denudes herself, takes a seat near the window, and takes in the fect is both beneficial and delightful. If, however, she be of a restless disposition, she may dance, instead of basking, in the sunlight."
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performance is about to begin for appropriate photographic follow-up of this item.

## Grinding with 30 Millionths Precision

Like most organizations in Sandia's Development Shops, Abrasive Finishing Section 4253-1 produces prototype hardware or Sandia projects. And, usually, the work equires techniques ried before
"The trend is toward more and more extreme tolerances," supervisor Russ Asbury 30 millionths of an inch in holding round30 millionths of an inch in holding roundness or flatness. Standarar a materials and sometimes we orind optical mirror finishes on metals, ceramics and glass.'
The 12 men of the section are specialists in abrasive grinding which sounds simple nough. However, their work is particularly difficult when the tolerances are stringent A "normal" tolerance for dimensions of a machined part is expressed in thousidered very close tolerance. The Abrasive Finishing Section holds tolerances to .000030 and can work as close as .000015 of an inch.
"Materials are changing too," Russ says. We work mostly in exotic metals - niobium, tungsten-carbide, germanium - plus glass and glass laminates, carbon/carbon and composite materials.'
Some of these materials are "unmachinable" with standard abrasive grinding machines. For these, the section uses ultrasonic machining processes which incorporate ultrasonic waves to agitate abrasive tool and the material being shaped. Each grains flowing in liquid form between the job on the ultrasonic machines requires a custom tool head and the design of these tools is in itself highly exacting
"We have formulas for ultrasonic tool design which are used to compute the proper geometry for reflecting and proecting sound waves to do the required job," Russ says, "but the formulas don't cover everything. We've made experimental tools that the machine factory prople said wouldn't work - but they did.
Before a job leaves the shop, it is carefully inspected and all dimensions are checked. It is then referred to Mechanical Measurements Section 5213-1 for verification. It's no easy job to measure 30 millionths of an inch - but that's another story

In addition to tool design and completion of the job assigned, each specialist in the section also writes a summary of the pro cedures and techniques he used to produce the finished work. These reports become a useful reference if quantity production is assigned to an outside supplier for manufacture.
"This saves time and money," Russ says. "We've already done the pioneering."


BUCK BABER grinds a concave curve in a small tool. He checks accuracy of the curve by the enlarged image on the optical comparator, right.


DAN DAVIS shapes a mold die which will be used to form a ceramics material. The steel and a high polish finish is required.


INSIDE DIMENSION of a glass cylinder is ground by Ray Negus. The liquid is a water soluble oil which cools the piece during the grinding operation.


CLYDE HUGHES grinds a small rolamite mandrel. Extreme accuracy and high polish finish are required.


CAVITRON ULTRASONIC GRINDING ma chine is used by Quirino Carrillo to drill holes in a ceramic wafer. Here he checks position of the tool. The holes must be extreme accuracy


QUARTZ CRYSTAL receives a hand rubbed touch-up as the final operation in applying Baber has already shaped the piece. Buck Baber has already


RAY NEGUS displays some of the unique Cavitron tools designed in the section. Some imes its a rial-and-error process but he fools have worked. Using ultrasonic abrasive grains to shape the material


RUSS ASBURY, supervisor, displays various


VACUUM PRESSED PLASTIC forms and the assembled, painted decoy are displayed by Dave Weingarten
the Pecos River valley.

## Wary Sandhill Cranes Misled by Plastic Decoys

The sandhill crane is a rather strange bird. The two sub-species winter over in New Mexico but generally do not co-mingle. The "greater" sandhill crane, which may weigh 11 to 13 pounds, has a total world population of $10-20,000$ and is stringently protected by law. It prefers the Rio Grande Valley (mainly the Bosque del Apache Wildlife Refuge), but smaller flocks are found in the vicinity of Columbus, N.M. and in northern Mexico
The "lesser" sandhill crane (also called the "little brown"), weighs $7-9$ pounds numbers about 100,000 , and prefers the Pecos Valley of New Mexico and the Texas Panhandle
The sub-species are identical in coloration and the size varies with age and sex of the bird. Experts at the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife admit that the only way they can differentiate between the two sub-species in the field is
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the lesser sandhill crane.
Dave Weingarten In his first attempts at hunting the er. In his first attempts at hunting the silhouette-type decoy. "We heard the birds'
high trilling cries far overhead, but they were very wary and the two-dimensional decoy didn't pass their inspection," he says and to a professional taxien who also hunted and to a professional taxidermist. He ended up whittling from wood a crane body formed onser as formed plastic decoy. The head and neck are attached separately as are the wooden legs. The whole decoy is painted grey ex cept for a characteristic red daub on the head.
"The decoys looked good to me," Dave recalls. "The fake birds appeared alert with their heads upright. The real cranes didn't agree with my opinion. So, I studied a flock from the distance and realized my mistake the only time the cranes resembled my decoys was when they were alarmed, the res of the time their heads were down in th feeding position." The decoys worked like a charm after the alteration
Aside from being probably the only threedimensional decoys available for hunting cranes, the main advantages of Dave's plastic decoys are that each weighs less than $1 \frac{1}{2}$ pounds and three dozen can be stacked in a vehicle and still leave room for the driver and, hopefully, the bag limit of lesser sandhill cranes

## Double Ouch

## Daughter Stranded Overseas Leads to High Finance

So your daughter is stranded in Europe when a student tour promoter goes bankupt. What do you do? Well, in the case of John Wheeler (3251), he ran up a $\$ 70$ overseas telephone bill.
World Academy had been in operation for five years. John's older daughter had taken one of their study tours last year and was well-pleased with the trip. This year his daughter Ann signed up for the 40-day "French language" tour to Rome St. Cergue and Geneva, Switzerland, Paris, and London. He sent in the $\$ 895$ tour cost, but three weeks before the departure date the company requested an additiona Five increased costs in Europe.
Falled from after leaving Albuquerque Ann been informed that World Academy had gone broke. The supplemental airline which supplied chartered jets for the tours offered to fly the neary 3000 stranded students back to the U.S., but those flights were to begin immediately. In most cases there had been no advance payments on room reservations. A nationwide strike had just started in Italy, adding further confusion.
Ann's counselor, a teacher from Roswell decided that for an additional $\$ 600$ per student (eight of them) they could spend their month in Europe and fly home. (Since the students were merely names on a manifest, they had no airline tickets to cash in for refund.)
"That part of the trip worked out well" John says, "but I guess my wife and won't be taking a trip to the Bahamas,"

What was the problem and what steps could be taken to avoid such a situation? In Senate hearings last month the World Academy president and the director of financial affairs attributed the collapse to inability to acquire sufficient additional last-minute equity capital, failure to reach a volume goal of $10,000-15,000$ student bookings (there were 4500 before 1000 canceled out when the price was boosted) high cost of an ineffective sales force, and increased service costs in Europe. Majo hearings this month in the Senate will cover a broad range of issues including federal licensing and mandatory performance bonding of all travel agents and charter operations

Senate Commerce Committee Chairman Warren Magnuson stated, "This is not the first such bankruptcy. I have records showing that during the past four years 298 travel agents have defaulted."

Meanwhile, a traveler's best protection is to make his travel arrangements through a reputable, well-established agent.
(Note: Coronado Club trips are arranged through such an agent.

## Ken Mills Invests in Small Business -- Gets Stung

One day about three years ago Ken Mills (2612) decided to take up a new hobbyraising bees, more properly called "beekeeping" or "apiculture"
"It's something I've wanted to do since I was a boy," Ken explains, somewhat in the manner of a person defending a penchant for scaling cliffs or eating oysters. "And living in Bosque Farms provided the right place-lots of flowering plants and not too many people.'
Now Ken works some 70 hives extending down the valley from Isleta Pueblo on the north to an area some 25 miles south. In a year he collects many pounds of raw honey and sells it to friends. The revenue only covers expenses, but Ken gets a real kick (and a few stings) out of his hobby, and he's entered and become a member of an inconspicuous subculture that is surprisingly complex and extensive.

Consider these titles from "Gleanings in Bee Culture," one of several periodicals on beekeeping: "Honey as a Healer"; "How About the Queen Bee?", "Afflictive Aspects Swarmed"; "It So Happens That My Dad Is a Beekeeper"; "Happiness Can Be Swinging into the New Honey Promotion"; "Swarms Desert Their Queens"; and, the ultimate confrontation, "The Honeybee vs. Mankind."
Beekeepers obviously are pretty high on honey. "You can use it just about anyplace you'd use sugar-on cereal, in cake mixes, and so on," Ken says. "But one application thats both ne and realy ," It is the use of honey as a healing agent. It seems that hopocates recombers. more rently a number of surgeons have begun using honey number in mans killers. The pinanation of its effectiveness is that it absorbs moisture in areas where it is applied, thus dehydrating germs so that they die in a matter of hours.

Athletes too know that a few spoonfuls of honey are more quickly converted to usable energy than most any other substance.
Ken gave us a short primer on the facts of life among the bees (and heroically avoided reference to "the birds and the bees"). Honey bees, being social insects, live together in a colony, i.e., hive, and depend upon each other for survival. Most of the bees in a colony are workers which turn out to be sterile females. Some are drones (males), whose only function is to mate with the single queen bee in the colony. The queen stays pretty busy: she lays all the eggs that maintain or increase the colony's population-at least several thousand bees.

The workers live only six weeks and their life is hectic. They collect food and water for the entire colony, do the housework, and guard the hive against intruders (they alone sting). The workers also air condition the hive and maintain a constant hive temperature and humidity-whatever the conditions outside. Life is sort of a drag for the drones too. They hang around the hive during the summer, may (or may not) mate with the queen, but then come fall, in a kind of insectile poetic justice, the workers drive them out of the hive into the cold where they expire, probably wondering what they have done to deserve such a fate.
Bees do communicate with each other. One authority states: "When a worker honeybee finds a rich source of nectar or pollen she will often communicate her discovery to some of her fellow workers. She does this . . . by putting on a round dance, or a tail wagging dance. If the source of food is close, say within 75 yards, the worker employs the round dance routine; otherwise she tail wags and the rhythm of this dance indicates distance to the food source-the farther away the source the fewer the tail wags over a given time. Go-go dancers take note.

Right now Ken is excited about a new bee research project. He explains: "I'm planbugs. That way we'll double production because the bees can work all night.'

## Sympathy

To Jack Mortley (7524), on the death of his brother in Singapore, Aug. 15.


NEXT TIME ycu get stung, you'll be able to appreciate scientific basis of your ouch. This is barbed tip of sting magnified 1500 times. Divided shaft permits sting to work its way deeper into your skin; this is followed by shot of bee venom, chief cause of pain. If
it's any consolation, bee dies after her foray into your hide. (Eastman Kodak Industrial Laboratory)


APICULTURE PARAPHERNALIA, otherwise kn a bee (2612) ous is shown here on Ken Mils ( 2612 ) at his place in Bosque


HONEY, gobs of it, is stored in this comb, extracted by placing frame on centrifuge
Hive of this type may house over 10,000


Hawk hide
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Sandia Laboratories is hosting a retiree buffet at the Coronado Club Tuesday, Sept. been mailed to all retirees and their spouses. If you have not received one, call George Wayland (3123), tel. 264-2757.
President John Hornbeck and Vice President Glenn Fowler will present the program.

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'This is a good deal'

## Space Left on Club El Paso Trip

Chet Fornero (4337), Coronado Club travel director, was sitting at the north end of the Club the other night discussing the forthcoming El Paso trip. He was enthusiastically telling the group:
"Look, this is a good deal. For $\$ 42.50$ you get a bus trip to El Paso and it's a party going and coming. Free refreshments. We stay two nights at the downtown Holiday Inn in El Paso. Normally, a room there for two nights would cost you 30 clams. Then we go to the Lobo-Miner football game on Saturday night. These are good seats. We're paying $\$ 5.25$ each for these tickets. We will be going to the game and to Juarez on our bus. No traffic problems. You won't have to pay admission to normally you'd pay a couple of bucks. Besides that, they know we're coming. We'll

## More Brown Bagger

Contest Entries
Here are a few more inspired lunches sent to LAB NEWS. Contest winner hasn' been selected yet (for his free lunch at the we mado Club). In the interest or faimple we may have to insist on

Caviar on Waverly Wafers
Vegetables marinated in oil and vinega with Italian seasoning
Quiche Lorraine aux Champignons (cream and bacon tart with mushrooms Wild Himalayan Blackberry jelly roll (the last two items are homemade)" Alan Campbell (7281
"Diet Lunch
Unsweetened juice
Mixed salad with assorted cheese bits and beef or chicken leftovers Touch of garlic salt
Low calorie salad dressing
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Jello or fruit
Oh so good and good for anyone
"Bacon, tomato and avocado sandwich on cracked wheat bread
Potato chips
Cantaloupe slices
Rice Krispie squares
get the red carpet treatment at the Jockey club. You won't have to worry about anything. Besides that, it's a good group that's going - 90 swinging Coronado Club members."

Everyone signed up on the spot.
The buses will leave the Coronado Club at $12: 45$ p.m. on Friday, Oct. 30, and ar rive back in Albuquerque around 5 p.m Sunday, Nov. 1. There's space left. Pay your $\$ 10$ deposit at the Club office righ away and make the final paynent by Oct. 2. The package costs $\$ 42.50$ (based on double room occupancy) or $\$ 54.50$ for single room.

## 20 Seats Remain on

Coronado Club Dec. 9-15
Bahamas Travel Package
Twenty seats remain on the Coronado Club's six-day package tour to Grand Bahamas Island Dec. 9-15. The package includes first class jet flight via Frontier Airlines, welcoming cocktail party on ar unlimited nights at the Kings Inn Hotel, fast and swimming and golf, and break has exd dinner each day. The Kings In hole chatlent facilities including two 18 swimming ing top namoser beach, lounges reatio A deposit of $\$ 25$ should be made to the Club office right away and the remainde of the $\$ 299$ total fee is due Oct. 15 .

## Death



Virginia Blair, secretary to Weapon Ma terial and Evaluation Division 1611, died Aug. 26 after a long illness. She was 55.

She had worked at Sandia Laboratories since June 1962.
Survivors include her husband William (7452) and two sons.

## Coronado Club Activities

## Three Swinging Social Hours; Comedy Night Pack Calendar

Three swinging social hours, a comedy classic night and a soul session fill out the Coronado Club's September calendar.

Tonight Phil Graham will be on the bandstand making the happy music while Club Manager Jim Noonan's special Italian food buffet is spread. The buffet costs $\$ 1.25$ for adults, $\$ 1$ for kids. Special prices are in effect from 5 until 9 p.m. and the band plays for dancing from 6 to 9 p.m. Then the troops move to the main lounge where Yolanda Adent and piano plus various drummers and guitar pickers hold a sing along until midnight.
On Friday, Sept. 18, the Club's famous chuckwagon roast beef will be the buffet feature while Max Madrid plays for
dancing
Seafood will be spread for the Sept. 25 social hour. Bob Banks and the trio will entertain.
In the meantime, midweek social hours continue on Tuesdays from 5 to $8 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.

## Comedy Classic Night

"Glorifying the American Girl" directed by Flo Ziegfeld is the movie scheduled Tor Rudy Vallee and Mary Eaton and a tor, Ruay val line in fabulous costumes. chadition, two chapters of the old Flash Gom movie sial will be shown Buster Grabbe plays Flash like he knew we'd put Crabe the moon Happy hour prices a man on the the movie at $7: 30$. It's start at 7 p.m.,
free to members.

## Events Calendar

Sept. 11-13-"Picnic," Albuquerque Little Theater
Sept. 11-13, 17-20-"East Lynn" presented by Albuquerque Melodrama Theatre at Old Town Studio
Sept. 11-13-Zuni Tribal Fair
Sept. 12-Sailboat racing, Elephant Butt Lake.
Sept. north of Cochiti Dam. N.M. Mountain Club, leader Bob Babb, tel. 256-9
Sept. 17-20-Gilbex Sullivan's "Th Pirates of Penzance, The Music Thea tre, Menual High Auditorium, 255-8560
Sept. 18-20-Cottonwood Cave. N.M. Moun tain Club, leader Jack Hickman, tel 298-3804.
Sept. 18-Harvest dance, Laguna Pueblo Sept. 19-Golden aspen hike (Crest to Agua Canyon). N.M. Mountain Club leader Will Snyder, tel. 299-4172
Sept. 24-26-Classics Theater Company presents "Merchant of Venice." UNM Popejoy Hall

## 'Yankee Doodle Dandy' Back in TV Color Special

A popular Broadway musical of the 1968 69 season has been selected to premiere the Bell System Family Theatre series. The 90 minute color special "George M!" has been scheduled in Albuquerque on Channel 4 p.m The musical is based on the career of George M. Cohan from his youth to his fame as a playwright, producer, performer Doodle Dandy", "Give My Regards to Droadway," etc. The TV adaptation will feature the original Broadway cast.
In conjunction with the TV show, ar rangements have been made to offer the original cast album of this Broadway musical to Bell System employees at special price of $\$ 3$, including postage and handling. Sandia employees may use the coupon printed here.

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## Soul Session

It's been a year now since the first soul ession was held at the Club and if anyhing, they're better than ever. Rod King miles, plays his guitar and sings while he group makes a big modern rock sound. Whatever it is, he's doing it right. Out on the dance floor the troops bugaloo, frug, and occasionally sagebrush shuffle while the mini skirts are something else. Happy our prices are in effect all evening. This y Sept from $8: 30$ to $12: 30$. It's free to members, 50 cents for guests

Teen Go Go
Teenagers will observe the usual back-to-school rites at a bash Saturday, Sept. 12, from $7: 30$ to $10: 30$. Member parents should pick up tickets for their youngsters.

## Noon Fashion Show

Rosario Ayres will present a collection of fall fashions during noon hour at the from Flair agency. A 99-cent special luncheon featuring top sirloin steak with all the trimmings will be the menu feature for the occasion.

## Dance Lessons

Instruction for both beginning and adanced ballroom dancing will start at the Club Monday, Sept. 14. Fee is $\$ 20$ per advanced students at 8:30.


HIGH DRAMA comes to Popejoy Hall with Shakespeare's Merchant of Venice on Sept. 24, 25, and 26. Phil Mead 3411), lower, has principal role as Shy lock while Bill Carstens (3410), middle is the merchant. Elliot Harris (3454) upper, as well as Gene lves (1226), not shown, have other roles. John Gardne (3422) is co-director with Phil of this comedy with tragic overtones.

